

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/001,893

Examiner

X L Bautista

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on January 03, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8 and 16-28.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/25/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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Primary Examiner
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ko-Fang Chang on 07 April 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

1) The abstract has been amended as follows:

The present invention provides techniques for generating a coversheet for a paper document comprising one or more pages, wherein the paper document is generated by printing a printable representation of multimedia information on a paper medium. The coversheet may provide a summary of the contents printed on pages of the paper document.

2) The Specification has been amended as follows:

Page 2, line 18, add "10/001,895" after "Application No."

Page 2, line 21, add "10/001,894" after "Application No."

Page 2, line 25, add "10/001,849" after "Application No."

Page 2, line 28, add "10/001,891" after "Application No."

In the claims:

Claim 1 (lines 5-6) has been amended as follows:

printing a thumbnail image ~~[[of]]~~ for each page in the one or more pages of the multimedia paper document on a paper medium to generate the coversheet.

Claim 24 (lines 6-7) has been amended as follows:

code for printing a thumbnail image ~~[[of]]~~ for each page in the one or more pages of the multimedia paper document on a paper medium to generate the coversheet.

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1-8 and 16-28 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claims 1, 16, and 24 have been carefully considered. Prior art of record fails to teach the combination of claimed elements including a method of generating a coversheet for a multimedia paper document having printable representation of multimedia information including video information, wherein the printable representations are printed on a plurality of pages, and then generating the coversheet by printing a thumbnail image for each page of the multimedia paper document on a paper medium.

Schelling et al (US 5,706,097) discloses a method for identifying images

and sound recordings and creating an index print having a plurality of index images representing still images, motion sequences and sound sequences on a digital recording medium. Schelling teaches that the index print may be used for printing an image of the document but fails to teach or suggest generating pages having printable representations of the multimedia information and then printing a thumbnail image for each page of the index print.

Gibbon et al (US 6,098,082) discloses pictorial transcript representation of a video program in a format suitable for electronic searching and retrieval. Gibbon teaches that pictorial transcripts are compact representations of video programs having representative frames printed with a caption containing the portion of the closed-caption text that corresponds to the scene from which the representative frame is taken. Gibbon fails to teach or suggest that the pictorial transcript may be used for generating pages having printable representations of multimedia information and then printing a thumbnail image for each page of the multimedia paper document.

Conclusion

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly

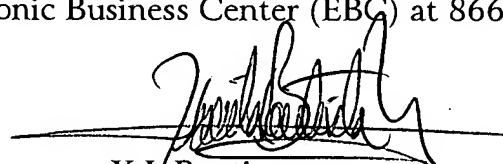
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labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to X L Bautista whose telephone number is (571) 272-4132. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on (7571) 272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

6. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



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